

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
November 7, 2022

The Sidney Township Board meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on November 7, 2022 was called to order by Supervisor Peterman at 7:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor: Terry Peterman, Clerk: Carrie Wills, Treasurer: Corinda Stover; Trustees: Ray Leyrer, Erik Benko

AGENDA:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES:

A motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Benko to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2022 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk:

Wills reminded everyone to vote tomorrow, November 8.

Supervisor

Peterman remarked that we were unable to get the monster truck for the park but Mr. Madsen can make a firetruck, a truck, a camper and a school bus for the same price as the monster truck would have been. The board will also look at what is available for a handicap swing and a trampoline pillow.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to get the firetruck, truck, camper and school bus for the park playground in place of the monster truck. Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

There was no guest speaker

REPORTS:

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Stover gave the treasurer's report. Current checkbook balance is \$226,243.60

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Leyrer to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT:

Wills presented a list of expenses for the month. Total expenses reported was \$89,834.07.

Included in the report were several charges for election expenses and the road contract for Muskrat Road from Miller to Grow Road.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to approve the Clerk's report and pay the monthly expenses. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leyrer reported that the planning commission will meet on December 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

He would like to get the total for the attorney expenses for the short-term rental ordinance work.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Petersen reported that the Animal Control position is still open. The board will have to take a look at what can be done to increase interest in the job. The audit process will begin soon.

## ZONING REPORT:

Dale reported that four of the complaint sites are now back in compliance and have been dropped from the complaint list. He will be sending another letter about the property on the corner of Holland and Hansen Roads, and the chickens have been removed from Nevins Lake but there are other issues between the property owners.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Local Covid Funds-Addition to Building

Bids are being accepted now for the addition to the hall. There are about eight contractors interested and working on the bids.

### Website

More offers for building and updating the website are expected. So far we have had only one presentation.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The board reviewed the draft of the ordinance prepared by Attorney Rasmussen with the changes from the special meeting on September 28. There were still a few corrections to be made.

A motion was made by Wills and seconded by Benko to approve the Short-term rental ordinance with the following changes:

1. All references to "town" will be changed to "township" and misnumbered/lettered Articles and Sections will be corrected to proper sequential order.
2. Article 6B (Change to Article 5): Section 5: Delete the verbiage regarding a limit of 10 individuals per rental.
3. Article 6E: Section i: change "tourist rooming house" to "short-term rental house"

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Stover, Wills, Peterman, Benko No: Leyrer

Motion carried.

### Junk Ordinance

Leyrer was concerned with residents burning leaves in the roadways; burning should be on the owner's property. He will make a copy of the ordinance for the winter newsletter and add a paragraph about not burning in roadways.

### Resolution for Sewer Debt Service

The new debt service added to the October sewer bill was only for \$9 and should have been \$18. Leyrer has talked to the Drain Office about some of his concerns. The additional \$9 will be added to the April bill along with the original amount of \$18 for a total of \$27. He asked them about individuals who paid off their assessment before the bond was issued who should not have to pay the debt service. He will talk to the drain commissioner about what should be done.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

People in the audience would like copies of the ordinance with the corrections

The question was raised whether or not the board was required to hold a public hearing. The Planning Commission held a public hearing and the board held a special meeting. A second public hearing was not required.

## ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Benko to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried.